

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A printing apparatus for applying a marking material to a final substrate, said printing apparatus comprising an intermediate transfer member; an intermediate transfer material applicator for transferring intermediate transfer material from a solid block of intermediate transfer material to form a molten layer of intermediate transfer material on the intermediate transfer member; a marking material applicator situated to apply marking material in an imagewise pattern to the molten layer of intermediate transfer material on the intermediate transfer member; and a transferring apparatus to transfer the imagewise pattern of marking material to a final recording substrate.